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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3378

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL ASMARA

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SU, ET

SUBJECT: RETURN EPMG AMBASSADOR KHARTOUM MARKS EASING MINI-CRISIS

REF: KHARTOUM 0085

1. EMPG AMB YILMA TADESSE RETURNED KHARTOUM JAN 12. HE
SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT ETHIOPIA DESIRES REDCUE
FRICTION WITH GOS AND HE WOULD BE CHECKING WITH SUDANESE
TO SEE WHETHER THEY SHARE THIS VIEW. SENIOR FONMIN SOURCE
SPECULATES THAT SUDANESE AMB-DESIGNATE TO ETHIOPIA
TAHA AYOUB WILL SIMILARLY SHORTLY BE RETURNING ADDIS. SOURCE
ALSO BELIEVES WAYWARD ETHIOPIAN KARORA TROOP UNIT WILL BE
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PERMITTED RETURN ETHIOPIA "IF THEY WANT TO". IN LIGHT FOREGOING
GOS CAMPAIGN RALLY SUPPORT FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES SEEMS
BO BE SHIFTING TO LOWER GEAR AND THIS REFLECTED REDUCED
PRESS ATTENTION TO ISSUE. GOS AMB TO SOMALIA HAS BEEN
STANDING BY TO RETURN MOGADISCIO WITH PERSONAL MESSAGE FOR
SIAD FROM NIMEIRI BUT AS OF LATE JAN 12 NIMEIRI HAD HELD OFF
SIGNING IT. NO OTHER INDICATIONS HIGH LEVEL EMISSARIES ABOUT

TO LEAVE KHARTOUM EXCEPT AS REPORTED IN FOLLOWING PARA.

2. PRIMIN RASHID AL-TAHIR, ACCOMPANIED BY MINDEF LTGEN BESHIR MOHAMED ALI, LEAVING KHARTOUM JAN 13 FOR OFFICIAL TALKS IN EGYPT, SYRIA AND IRAQ. EGYPTIAN AMB INDICATED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT PURPOSE TAHIR'S TALKS CAIRO WOULD BE TO DEVELOP ADDITIONAL EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR SUDAN IN ITS CURRENT DIFFICULTIES WITH ETHIOPIA. IN LIGHT RECENT REDUCTION TENSION, HOWEVER, PLUS FACT THAT MINDEF INCLUDED ON DELEGATION, IT LIKELY THAT PRIMIN WILL GIVE PRIDE OF PLACE TO NEED FOR SPECIFIC MATERIEL ITEMS RATHER THAN GENERALIZED POLITICAL SUPPORT. SPARES FOR SOVIET SUPPLIED SUDANESE MILITARY EQUIPMENT SEEM LIKELY. BASIS FOR SUCH CONTACTS IN BAGHDAD COULD HAVE BEEN LAID DURING RECENT VISIT THERE BY DEFMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF TRAINING BRIG MOHAMMED HASSAN TAHIR. OTHER VISIT OF INTEREST IS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE LATE JAN 13 OF KEY PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MANSOUR KHALID FOR PARS AND RABAT. THIS VISIT FOLLOWS RECENT MEETING HERE BETWEEN NIMEIRI AND HEAD MOROCCAN ROYAL CABINET AND IS NO DOUBT RELATED GOS EFFORTS OBTAIN SPECIAL ITEMS OF ASSISTANCE FROM MOROCCO. ACCORDING IRANIAN AMB, MINDEF ALI HAS ALSO REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY VISIT TEHRAN FOR DISCUSSIONS BUT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET.

3. ON MARGIN ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS, ONE OR MORE SAUDI C-130'S ARE STILL VISIBLE DAILY AT KHARTOUM AIRPORT.

4. COMMENT: SEEMS CLEAR MINI-CRISIS ABATING. HAVING MADE--IF NOT OVERSTATED--ITS CASE, GOS HAS NOW FOR SOME DAYS GIVEN EVIDENCE OF DESIRE FOR LOWERED TENSION. WE CAUTION, HOWEVER, THAT THIS ATTITUDE HARDLY REFLECTS ANY CONFIDENTIAL

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DIMINUTION IN REGIME'S CONCERN AT POSSIBLE THREATS TO ITS SECURITY OR ITS CONTINUING SUSPICION OF WHAT YFT SEES AS MOSCOW-BACKED LIBYAN MACHINATIONS IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES BORDERING ON SUDAN. BREWER

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